

sioned as a regular or reserve officer, and who was not enrolled in a program or an academy established under chapter 103, 403, 603, or 903 of Title 10, Armed Forces, could be paid a subsistence allowance at the same rate as that prescribed by subsec. (a) of this section, was repealed by Pub. L. 96-342, title VIII, §811(b), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1098. See subsec. (d) of this section.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 10 section 1478; title 14 section 705.

### § 210. Pay of senior enlisted members during terminal leave and while hospitalized

(a) A noncommissioned officer of an armed force who, immediately following the completion of service as the senior enlisted member of that armed force, is placed on terminal leave pending retirement shall be entitled, for not more than 60 days while in such status, to the rate of basic pay authorized for the senior enlisted member of that armed force.

(b) A noncommissioned officer of an armed force who is hospitalized and who, during or immediately before such hospitalization, completed service as the senior enlisted member of that armed force, shall continue to be entitled, for not more than 180 days while so hospitalized, to the rate of basic pay authorized for the senior enlisted member of that armed force.

(c) In this section, the term “senior enlisted member” means the following:

- (1) The Sergeant Major of the Army.
- (2) The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.
- (3) The Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force.
- (4) The Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps.
- (5) The Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard.

(Added Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §606(a), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1374; amended Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §603(a), (b)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2540.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, §603(b)(1), substituted “Pay of senior enlisted members during terminal leave and while hospitalized” for “Pay of the senior noncommissioned officer of an armed force during terminal leave” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 104-201, §603(a), added subsec. (b) and redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c).

### § 211. Participation in Thrift Savings Plan

(a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “member” means—

- (1) a member of the uniformed services serving on active duty; and
- (2) a member of the Ready Reserve in any pay status.

(b) AUTHORITY.—Any member may participate in the Thrift Savings Plan in accordance with section 8440e of title 5.

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION REGARDING SEPARATION.—For purposes of subchapters III and VII of chapter 84 of title 5, each of the following actions shall, in the case of a member participating in the Thrift Savings Plan in accordance with section 8440e of such title, be considered a separation from Government employment:

(1) Release of the member from active duty, not followed, before the end of the 31-day period beginning on the day following the effective date of the release, by—

(A) a resumption of active duty; or

(B) an appointment to a position covered by chapter 83 or 84 of title 5 or an equivalent retirement system, as identified by the Executive Director (appointed by the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board) in regulations.

(2) Transfer of the member to inactive status, or to a retired list pursuant to any provision of title 10.

(d) AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR RETENTION IN CRITICAL SPECIALTIES.—(1) The Secretary concerned may enter into an agreement with a member to make contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund for the benefit of the member if the member—

(A) is in a specialty designated by the Secretary as critical to meet requirements (whether such specialty is designated as critical to meet wartime or peacetime requirements); and

(B) commits in such agreement to continue to serve on active duty in that specialty for a period of 6 years.

(2) Under any agreement entered into with a member under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall make contributions to the Fund for the benefit of the member for each pay period of the 6-year period of the agreement for which the member makes a contribution to the Fund under section 8440e of title 5 (other than under subsection (d)(2) thereof). Paragraph (2) of section 8432(c) of title 5 applies to the Secretary’s obligation to make contributions under this paragraph, except that the reference in such paragraph (2) to contributions under paragraph (1) of such section 8432(c) does not apply.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, §§661(a)(1)(A), 662, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 670, 672.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1999—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 106-65, §662, added subsec. (d).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section and amendment by Pub. L. 106-65 effective only if the President proposes in the 2001 fiscal year budget and there is enacted in the second session of the One Hundred Sixth Congress qualifying offsetting legislation, and authority of members (as defined in this section) to participate in the Thrift Savings Plan under this section effective on the date on which such qualifying offsetting legislation is enacted or 1 year after Oct. 5, 1999, whichever is later, with provision for postponement of authority of members of the Ready Reserve to so participate in the Thrift Savings Plan, see section 663 of Pub. L. 106-65, set out as a note under section 8440e of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 5 sections 8432b, 8440e.

### CHAPTER 5—SPECIAL AND INCENTIVE PAYS

Sec.

301. Incentive pay: hazardous duty.